

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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Town/City: Town of Eastham

Place: (*neighborhood or village*): South Eastham

Photograph



View from north (photo by Town of Eastham Assessor).

Address: 410 State Highway

Historic Name: Stanley M. & Edna M. Walker House

Uses: Present: single-family residence

Original: single-family residence

Date of Construction: 1926

Source: Deeds, tax records

Style/Form: Colonial Revival/Bungalow

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: rock-faced concrete block

Wall/Trim: wood shingles/wood trim

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures: garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*): none

Condition: good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.5 acre

Setting: The subject property is located on the east side of State Highway/Rt. 6-6A and has water frontage on Town Cove, an inlet of the Atlantic Ocean. Single family dwellings in condominium ownership are located on the adjoining property to the south, and a single family house is across the highway. To the North is the "Anchorage on the Cove" cabin colony.

Locus Map (north at top)



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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The subject property contains a nearly intact Bungalow in the Cape Cod mode with its weathered wood shingle siding, wood corner boards and trim and six-over-one windows. The one-story wood frame house has a two-bay front facade, gable roof with eave returns and shed-roofed, broken-eave dormers on both front and rear. There is a small interior brick chimney. An open full front porch has a hipped roof supported by five wood pillars atop a kneewall also clad with wood shingles. The front door appears to be original with its eight-light window above horizontal panels; paired windows are located to its right. A hipped-roof, one-story shallow ell on the left (north) side is recessed from the front facade and extends back to the rear facade. The right (south) side of the house has two bays with two sets of paired windows on the first floor and single windows above. The foundation is constructed of rock-faced concrete blocks. A wood deck was constructed off the left side of the house (date unknown).

A detached garage, which matches the house in style and finishes, is located to the rear and left (east) of the house. A semi-circular driveway with two curb cuts on State Highway curves in front of the house and the driveway back to the garage runs along the north side of the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The house at 410 State Highway was built between 1922 and 1926 by Stanley Marston Walker on land that had been in his family since at least the late 1930s. Walker was the eldest son of Abbott H. Walker (1864-1954), the longtime captain of the United States Life-saving Service station at Nauset, and he had grown up in the family home at 315 State Highway. Abbott H. Walker was the son of John F. and Mary E. Walker and the grandson of John and Hannah Walker. The 1850 census shows John Walker as a farmer with \$270 in real property in a household after that of Jabez Sparrow (175 State Highway) with his wife and children Sarah, John F., Absalom, and Mary. Son John F. Walker married Mary E. Eldridge of Chatham in 1863, and their son Abbott H. was born the next year. The 1880 census shows John F. Walker and his son Abbott, then fifteen, both working as fisherman and living at what was probably 315 State Highway. In 1887 Abbott H. Walker married Wellfleet domestic Lillie A. Wiley, and their son Stanley Marston Walker was born the same year in Wellfleet.

The 1900 census shows Abbott H. Walker as a surfman (life guard) renting in this South Eastham neighborhood and living with his wife Lillie and children Stanley, Sadie (Sarah), Olive, and Lawrence. Tax records for 1902 show him still without real property. In 1905 Walker was made captain of the Nauset life-saving station, and four years later he bought two parcels bordering his father's property from his great-aunt Mary E. Flagg of Somerville, a daughter of John and Hannah Walker who had inherited the property in 1884 after her father died.¹ These parcels were across from each other on State Highway, a 1.5-acre parcel with a house and buildings on the west side and an apparently undeveloped four-acre parcel on the east. The 1910 census shows Walker owning a mortgaged property on State Highway; his occupation is there listed as a keeper of the life-saving station. Stanley was then living at home and working as a shellfisherman.

Born in Eastham in 1887, Stanley Marston Walker married Eastham native Edna M. Dill, the nineteen-year-old daughter of George T. and Lillie Moore Gill, in 1910. By 1920 the couple was renting; their household was listed immediately preceding that of his father's on State Highway in that year's census. By then Stanley Walker was also employed as a surfman at the life-saving station. In July 1922 his father sold Stanley a piece of land roughly 167 by 192 feet square on State Highway, bordering his own land on the east side of that road.² Tax records for 1926 show Abbott H. and Stanley Walker each with a house and acreage. The 410 State Highway house was valued at \$2875, and Walker had also built a garage on the one-acre house lot. The 1930 census again shows Stanley Walker's household immediately after his father's. He was then working as a chauffeur and owned \$4000 in real property; sharing the household was his wife Edna and daughter Winifred, then four years old. Tax records for 1931 show Stanley Walker with a house valued at \$3000, a garage, and a one-acre homestead lot; his father had a house, cottage (370 State Highway), and numerous other buildings on a seven-acre homestead lot, while his younger brother Howard F. Walker had a house and garage on a one-acre lot as well.

By 1940 Stanley Walker was renting "small vacation fishing boats" for a living, and he and his wife Edna had another child, Maynard, born about 1934. Tax records for 1947 show that he had built two cottages, apparently 320 and 360 State Highway, at some point between 1937 and 1947. Tax records for 1950 show Stanley Walker with two "summer cottages," as do records for 1954; Abbott Walker owned his house and one cottage.

In 1955, after Abbott Walker's death, his children Sarah, Olive, and Howard (born in 1906) deeded their interest in the property of the east side of State Highway to their brother Stanley.³ This deed added acreage and 370 State Highway to Stanley Walker's real property holdings. He owned 320, 360, 370, and 410 State Highway until 1967, when he subdivided 320 from 360 and 370

¹ Mary E. Flagg, Somerville, to Abbott H. Walker, 31 August 1909, Barnstable County Registry of Deeds (BCD) 296:283.

² Abbott H. Walker to Stanley M. Walker, 15 July 1922, BCD 389:203. In another deed (Celia H. Crosby, Orleans, to Abbott H. Walker, 7 March 1925, BCD 410:335) Walker bought an interest in land in the same area that is part of the chain of title for 320 State Highway but not for 360 and 370 State Highway.

³ Sarah W. Taylor and Olive K. Gorham, both Orleans, and Howard F. Walker to Stanley M. Walker, 15 October 1955, BCD 923:32.

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State Highway and sold a 1.2-acre parcel including 320 State Highway cottage and its garage to current owners Richard J. and Susan Comeau.⁴

In July 1972, after Stanley Walker's death, his widow Edna sold 360, 370, and 410 State Highway to Giles and Shirley F. Dilg of Wellesley Hills.⁵ Giles Cleaveland Dilg was from Phoenix, Arizona, a U.S. Navy veteran, and a graduate of Syracuse University with a degree in electrical engineering. In 1955 he married Shirley Susanne Feigel, a Syracuse University graduate and a research bacteriologist. In the late 1960s and early 1970s Giles Dilg was a lecturer at Northeastern University, and by 1985 Shirley Dilg was working as a water resources manager.

Dilg transferred title to 360, 370, and 410 State Highway to his wife Shirley in 1981; the couple divorced shortly thereafter. In 1985 Shirley Dilg married Richard E. Stafford, a professor who lived in Wellesley; it was his fourth marriage. In 1987 Shirley Stafford subdivided the Stanley Walker homestead by separating the Walker homestead and its garage at 410 State Highway from the two cottages at 360 and 370 State Highway. In 2006 Stafford sold the lot containing 360 and 370 State Highway to Martin and Susan McDonald and Peter McDonald, who in 2007 converted 360 and 370 State Highway (then numbered together as 390 State Highway) into Dockside on Town Cove Condominium. In 2004 Eric D. Dilg, probably the Dilgs' son and acting as trustee for Acorn Realty Trust, sold 410 State Highway to current owners Marc S. and C. Shana Krell of Framingham.⁶

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SUPPLEMENTARY IMAGES

⁴ Sarah W. Taylor and Olive K. Gorham, both Orleans, and Howard F. Walker to Stanley M. Walker, 15 October 1955, BCD 923:32; Stanley M. Walker to Richard J. and Susan Comeau, Belmont, 15 August 1967, BCD 1375:11. See also "Plan of Land in Eastham, Mass. As Surveyed for Stanley M. Walker et ux," August 1967, Barnstable County Registry Plan Book (BCP) 213:63-2.

⁵ Edna M. Walker, executor will Stanley M. Walker, to Giles and Shirley F. Dilg, Wellesley Hills, 14 July 1972, BCD 1692:41.

⁶ Giles Dilg, Wellesley, to Shirley F. Dilg, Wellesley, 15 April 1981, BCD 3273:110; Shirley Stafford, Wellesley, to Martin and Susan McDonald (h/w) and Peter McDonald, 14 July 2006, BCD 21183:99; Martin and Susan McDonald and Peter McDonald, master deed for Dockside on Town Cove Condominium, 19 January 2007, BCD 31712:31; Eric C. Dilg, trustee Acorn Realty Trust, to Marc S. and C. Shana Krell, 27 December 2004, BCD 19394:93. See also "Survey & Division of Land in Eastham, Mass. Prepared for Shirley Stafford," 10 April 1987, BCP 432:57; "Plan of Land in Eastham, Mass. Prepared for Shirley Stafford," 24 March 1994, BCP 511:41; and "Plan of Land in Eastham, MA Prepared for Shirley Stafford, 410 Route 6, Eastham, MA," 22 July 1998, BCP 542:90. And see BCD 5230:290, which is a record of the marriage of Shirley F. Dilg and Richard E. Stafford.

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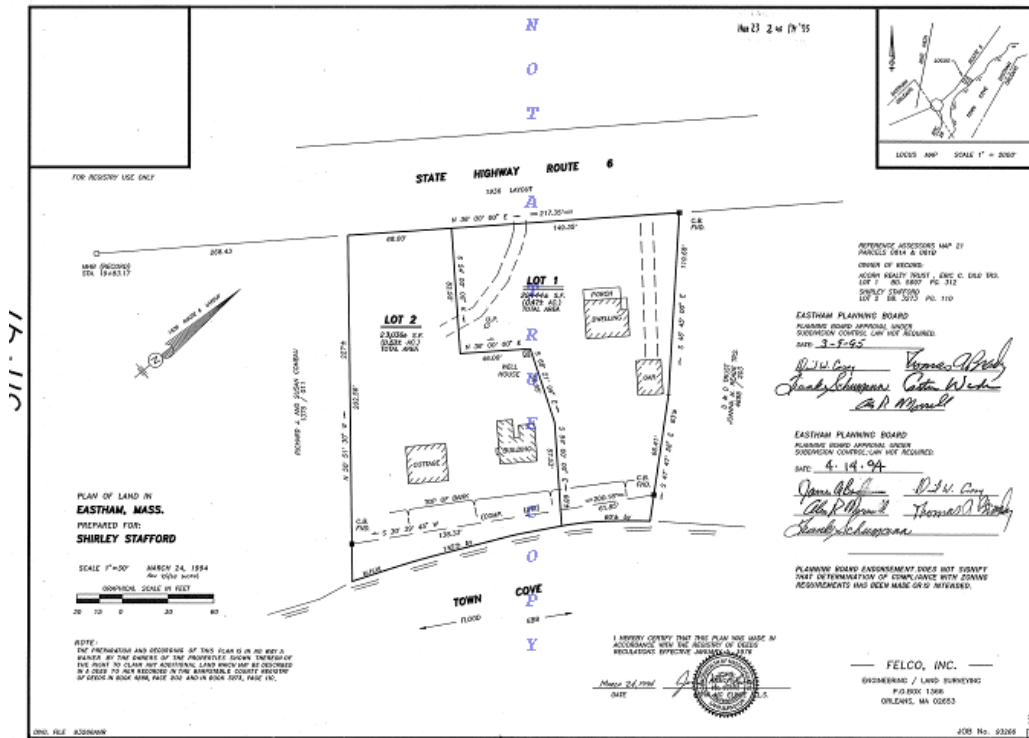
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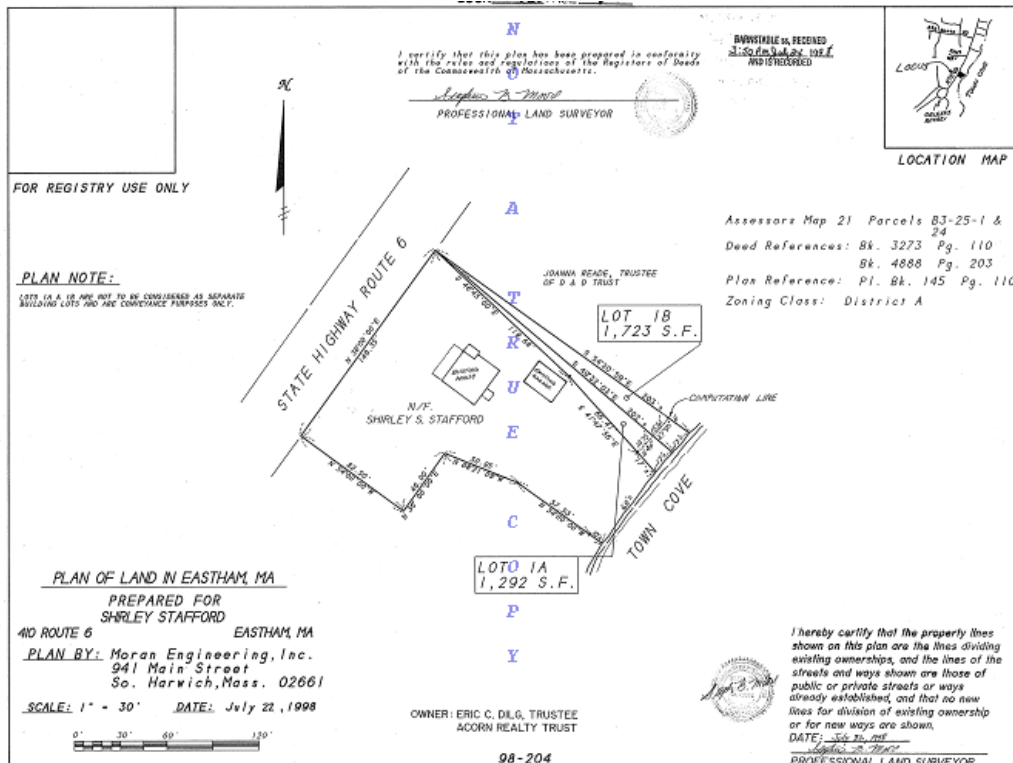
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Stafford subdivision of 1994 (BCP 511:41): 410 State Highway is Lot 1.



Stafford subdivision of 1998 (BCP 542:90) showing 410 State Highway.

PHOTOGRAPHS

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View from north.



View from west.



View of garage from northwest.